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ADDRESS of the *Presbyterians* in *England* to His Majesty King JAMES VII.

May it please your most sacred Majest,

TO believe the Thankfulness of our Hearts, beyond any Expressions of our Lips or Pens, for Your most Gracious *Declaration* for *Liberty* for us, in the Worship of GOD, which we trust we shall ever Value above our *Property*, as that without which we could enjoy nothing, which we could call our own, without the greatest Uneasiness imaginable: But Your Majesty having in the same *Declaration* also secured that unto us, both by Your Royal *Word* and *Act*: What could Your Majesty have done more for us? Or what is left for us further to ask of the

King? And forasmuch as it pleased Your most Excellent Majesty, to give this safe *Port* to Your poor Subjects, so long tossed with Tempests, and justly to believe, that *Loyalty* is not intailed to a Party, as we hope we shall ever justifie the Credit, which Your Majesty's Charity in that Point hath given us: So we shall not cease to bow our Knees to the GOD whom we serve; *and by whom Kings reign*, beseeching him to recompence this Royal Favour to Your Majesty, with length of Days, uninterrupted Health, Felicity in Your Royal Relations, Success in Your Great Councils and Affairs; and finally, with the most Glorious Liberty of the Sons of GOD, heartily crying, *Let the King live for ever.*

Subscribed on the behalf of our selves, and the rest of our Perswasion.

BY

Mr. *HURST*,
Mr. *CHESTER*,
Mr. *SLATER*,
Mr. *COX*,
Mr. *ROSWELL*,
Mr. *TURNER*
Mr. *FRANKLIN*,
Mr. *DEAL*, and
Mr. *REYNOLDS*.

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The King's most Gracious Answer.

Gentlemen,

I Have already found two good Effects of my Declaration; *the Easing, and Pleasing My Subjects You spoke of, and My restoring to* GOD *the Empire over* Conscience: *It has been my Judgement a long Time, that none Has, or ought to Have any Power over the* Conscience *but* GOD. *I understand there are some Jealousies among my Subjects, That I have done this in a Design: But you look like Gentlemen of too great Ingenuity to entertain any such Suspicion.*

Gentlemen, *I protest before* GOD, *and I desire you to tell all manner of People of all Perswasions, as you have Opportunity to Converse with them, that I have no other Design than that I have spoke of.*

And, Gentlemen, *I hope to live to see the Day, when you shall as well have Magna* Charta *for the* Liberty *of* Conscience, *as you have had for your Properties.*

And now, Gentlemen, *do you so Preach to your Hearers, as they may be good Christians, and then I do not question but they will be good Subjects.*

The ADDRESS of the Citizens and Inhabitants that are of the *Presbyterian* Perswasion in the City of *Edinburgh* and *Canongate*

May it please Your Most Sacred Majesty.

WE cannot find suitable Expressions to evidence our most humble and grateful Acknowledgments for Your Majesty's late Gracious *Declaration*, by which we are happily delivered of many sad and grievous Burdens we have long groaned under; and (all Restraints, to our great Joy, being taken off) are allow'd the free and peaceable publick Exercise of our Religion, a Mercy which is dearer to us than our Lives and Fortunes.

Could we open our Hearts, Your Majesty would undoubtedly see what deep Sense and true Zeal for Your Service, so surprizing and signal a Favour hath imprinted on our Spirits; for which, we reckon our selves highly obliged (throwing our selves at Your Majesty's Feet) to return Your most Excellent Majesty our most humble, dutiful and hearty Thanks: And we desire humbly to assure Your Majesty, That as the Principles of the *Protestant Religion*, which according to our *Confession of*

Faith

Faith we profess, obligeth us all the Days of our Lives to that intire Loyalty and Duty to Your Majesty's Person and Government, that no Difference of Religion can dissolve; so we hope, and through GOD's Assistance, shall still endeavour to demean our selves in our Practice, in such manner, as shall evidence to the World the Truth and Sincerity of our Loyalty and Gratitude, and make it appear, that there is no inconsistency betwixt true *Loyalty* and *Presbyterian Principles*.

Great SIR! We humbly offer our Dutiful and Faithful Assurances, that as we have not been hitherto wanting in that great Duty, which our Consciences bind upon us to pray for Your Majesty; so this late refreshing and unexpected Favour will much more engage us in great Sincerty, to continue still to offer up our Desires to the GOD of Heaven, *by whom Kings Reign, and Princes decree Justice*, to Bless Your Royal Majesty's Person and Government; and after a happy and comfortable Reign on Earth, to Crown You with an incorruptible Crown of Glory in Heaven; which is most ardently prayed for, by,

Most Dread Sovereign,

Your Majesty's most Humble, most Loyal, most Dutiful, and most obedient Subjects:

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Subscribed in our Names, and by Order of the Citizens and Inhabitants of the *Presbyterian Perswasion* within Your City of *Edinburgh* and *Canongate*.

Some few Remarks.

WHether this, and the other *Presbyterian* Address to King *James* the Seventh be agreeable to Reason, Religion, Law, or real *Presbyterian* Principles or Practices, I shall not Determine: But I'm sure, whoever reads them, cannot think but the Addressers were the greatest *Jacobites* in the World: Even so great, That the King could not possibly *See what a deep Sense and true Zeal they had for his Service*, &c.

I'd gladly know, what became of all these specious Principles, when they forsook King *James*, even before the Throne was declared *Vacant*, or the then Prince of *Orange*, King? And since no Difference of Religion could dissolve their Duty and Loyalty, all the Days of their Lives, [Here's no reserve, unless *Jesuitical* or *Mental*] And that though GOD's

GOD's Assistance they should still endeavour to demean themselves in their Practice, &c. I'd enquire, How came that Duty and Loyalty to be dissolved, long before their Lives end, even before two Years end, and that mainly upon Account of Religion? And now, let us see what it was they thanked the King for; To speak moderately, was it not for going over the Belly of Law, and declaring His *Absolute Power*? They gratefully acknowledged their being delivered of many sad and grievous Burdens, &c. I know no Burdens they groaned under, upon Account of Religion: For (even by the *Presbyterians* own Confession in their late Pamphlets) the Doctrine, Worship and Censures were much the same, under *Prelacy* as *Presbytery*, and only differed a little in the Government, which does not so much concern the Laicks, was it a sad or grievous Burden for them to join with, or live quietly and peaceably under *Episcopal Protestancy*? Indeed, a great many who called themselves *Presbyterians*, were fined, imprisoned, banished, and executed, &c. But, for what were they so treated? Never one of them was punished for being *Presbyterian*, but for disobeying the Laws of GOD and Man, of Nature and Nations, and particularly the Laws, and Acts of Parliament of this King-

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dom: Were they not punished for the Sin and Crimes of Treason, Rebellion, Plotting Sedition, Murder, Assasination, Robbery, Insurrection, refusing *Cæsar* his due, and excommunicating Him, with many other Things committed under pretence of *Presbytery*, o serving of GOD and his Church, when a they were a Reproach to Christianity? Bu passing these: Was not *Episcopacy*, then legally established? And every whit as wel secured by Law, then, as *Presbytery* is now Yet, King *James* in this *Toleration*, which they so greatfully received, That, 'By hi 'Sovereign Authority, Prerogative Roya 'and Absolute Power, he did suspend 'stop, and disable all Laws, to all Intent 'and Purposes, made against any *Noncon* '*formists*. Was not this *Declaration* in Favours of *Non-conformists*, pretty illegal? Whe the King by His own *Absolute Authority* suspended Acts which had the Royal Assen in Parliament? And were not the *Presbyterians* very fine Men, in thanking th King for such an illegal Thing? As in Logick, whoever acknowledges the *Conclusion* must assent to the Premisses whence it flowed: Even so, the *Presbyterians*, (as wel as the *Papists*) taking the Benefit of thi *Toleration*, not only without, but even contrary to direct and standing Laws, must ac

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knowledge the Fountain whence it flow'd, to wit, *Absolute Power*, which are the expreſs Words of King *James*'s *Toleration*. The only Apology I can make for them, is, *Tempora mutantur*, —— Or, *Qui color albus erat, nunc eſt contrarius albo.*

Windſor, Auguſt 14.

THE State of the Royal Burrows of *Scotland* having met at *Edinburgh* upon the fifth Day of *July* laſt, they did according to their Duty, ſent their Preſident the Lord Provoſt of *Edinburgh* with the following Addreſſes to His MAJESTY, and the QUEEN, Congratulating the happy Birth of his Royal Higneſs the PRINCE of *Great Britain*.

Their MAJESTIES were Graciouſly pleaſed moſt favourably to accept the ſame: And the KING was pleaſed, in Conſideration of the Lord Provoſt his Loyalty and Zeal for His MAJESTY's Service, to confer upon him the Honour of Knighthood.

To the KING.

May it please your Sacred Majesty.

IF the yearly Duty we pay Your Majesty in a general Meeting of your Royal Burrows had not called us together at this Time, yet we had (after thanking Almighty GOD in our respective Burrows for the Birth of the young *Prince*) designed to have met of Purpose for acknowledging the great Obligation we owe Your Majesty in lengthning out, even beyond your own Life, the Happiness and Quiet which we justly expect during the *Prince* his Life; nor do we doubt but that the Enemies of our Peace will, upon his Birth, find it necessary for them to lay aside all Hopes which they entertained of being able to trouble our Tranquility: And that with him GOD will bestow upon your Majesty that devout Gratitude which may prevail with his Infinite Goodness, to Bless You with the entire Submission of Your Subjects, and Your Subjects with the Happiness of Your long and vigorous Life.

Great *SIR*! Interest as well as Duty does tye Your Royal Burrows to a more immediate Dependence upon that Royal Authority

Authority, which gave them both their Being and Priviledges, and Experience has now obliged us to believe, That You make our Intereſt Your own, And therefore we do again renew to Your Majeſty the ſincere Offer of our Lives and Fortunes, being much enlivened by the new Hopes which ſpring freſhly from this Occaſion. And to teſtifie our extraordinary Joy upon it, we have ſent Your Majeſty's Provoſt of *Edinburgh* (the Chief of our Repreſentatives, and one very much eſteemed amongſt us for Loyalty) to teſtifie beyond what Letter can do, that there are None of Your Majeſty's Subject more Joyful upon this Occaſion than,

May it pleaſe Your Sacred Majeſty,
Your Majeſty's moſt humble, moſt Dutiful and moſt Loyal Subjects and Servants,
The Commiſſioners of the Royal Burrows of Your Majeſty's Ancient Kingdom of Scotland.

Signed by Warrant of the General Convention of Burrows by our Preſes and Clerk, our particular Subſcriptions being recorded in our Regiſters.

Edinburgh, July 7th, 1688. Subſcrid'd thus { *Magnus Prince* Preſes, / *Ja. Rocheid* Clk.

To

To the QUEEN,

May it please Your Serene Majesty,

THE great Veneration which we had for Your Majesty's Person, when we were honoured with Your Presence in this Kingdom, did presage that we should one Day owe You greater Obligations than were due to a Subject and now we find we owe You more than are due to a *QUEEN*; for, in giving us under GOD this Young *PRINCE*, You have given us with him a Guard to our Peace, and a Security to our Property: And therefore as an humble Acknowledgment of this great Favour, we have sent the Provost of *Edinburgh* to kiss, in our Name, those Princely Hands, from which our Posterity are to expect that Protection and Bounty, which may turn Duty into Gratitude. And to assure Your Majesty, that we shall teach our Posterity, by our Example, to contribute as much as in or on them lies, to make his Throne (when GOD brings him to it) as pleasant and easie, as our Lives is to us under the Glorious Reign of His Royal Parents. Our Kindness to his Person and Interest shall always grow up with him;

And

And we ſhould be ſorry that our Joy upon this Occaſion were not next to that of the KING's and Yours, or that Your Majeſty ſhould think that any would prove more Faithful to You and him, than,

May it pleaſe Your Serene Majeſty,
Your Majeſty's moſt Humble, moſt Dutiful, Loyal, and moſt Obedient Servants,
The Commiſſioners of the Royal Burrows of the Ancient Kingdom of Scotland.

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